AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

General Remarks on amendments to the specifications.

Amendments 1 - 5 are to correct minor errors.

In particular, to correct errors in the pre-award publication version introduced by the scanning and OCR processes. Since it is the optical conversion represented by the pre-award publication that eventually matures into a patent, it is imperative that it be identical to the application specification as filed.

Therefore, the locations of amendments herein is identified in both the original text and the pre-award publication.

Amendments 6 - 8 Are clarifications to the description. The newly presented facts are to be found in the drawings and by implication in the text as filed. Therefore, applicants believe that no new matter is contained in the proposed amendments.

Amendments:

In the pre-award publication header

1.. The inventor name in the pre-award publication is in error Starttheim should be "Starheim" Two places. A. At the beginning of the text right after the Kind Code and before the Abstract and B After the Abstract and dashed line. Under the notation "Inventors"

2. Paragraph [0010]

[0011] U.S. Pat. No.[[5,802,297]] 5,820,297 , also by Dennis Middleton, is a similar device. It is foam filled and designed to be glued to a flat floor. Joining is by gluing a splice piece cut from sheet stock over the joint.

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splice piece cut from sheet stock over the joint.

Remarks --
Applicant accepts the automated inclusion of "Pat No." in the patent number phrase.

3. Paragraph [0157]

[0157] FIG. 12 is an isometric detail of a gusset bracket 2. The gusset bracket illustrated is an assembly of two triangular pans 20 fixedly connected by welding, bolting, riveting, or similar. A set of wings or ribs 22 is connected to the pan for attaching to the bin panel by sliding the wings into the joining clip or panel T slot 17 or 8. Further, a foot pad 18 is attached to the pans to serve as a foot support the gusset bracket and attached panel on the ground. The attaching wings slide into the T slot between the bracket hook plates 4 on the panels or the hook plates 16 on the joining clip. There is no need for gusset brackets at the bin corners, as the corner provides its own resistance to [[overtuning.]] overturning. FIG. 5 show a joining clip assembly with a gusset bracket installed.

The specification as filed is correct with "t u r n l n g" at line 352.

Remarks ---
The PTO scan and convert to text process has significant problems with the letter combination rn (r n) which looks very much like an "m", and some other letter combinations including rm (r m), ri (r l), and 1 vs l (one, vs lower case L) when proportional fonts are used in specifications. Why, in this instance, the conversion was not to "m" instead of "n" is speculated to be that the automatic (find scan errors) editor knew that tuming (t u m l n g) is not a proper word.

4. Paragraph [0169]

The table title "Table 1" has been moved out of its proper place.

The specification as filed at lines 425-426 is correct.

5. Paragraph [0179]

The table title "Table 2" has been moved out of its proper place.

The specification as filed at lines 451-452 is correct.

Remarks ---

In both tables, the conversion process produced run-on sentence structure which destroys the formatting of the tables and renders them puzzling at minimum, and incomprehensible at maximum. Applicant will revise as guided by the examiner to make the tables display correctly.

6. Amend paragraph [0198] as follows

[0198] FIG. 24 illustrates several clamping means. 24A is an improved version of that shown in [[FIG. 23]] FIGS. 22 and 23 , where the hole 44 on the tab is intended to carry a securing means connecting two or more clamps with a wire, plastic strap, rod or nail, or long bolt, and the like.

Amend the paragraph found at lines 646 to 648 as follows at line 647

Figure 24 illustrates several clamping means. 24A is an improved version of that shown in [[Figure 23]] Figures 22 and 23 , where the hole 44 on the tab is intended to carry a securing means connecting two or more clamps with a wire, plastic strap, rod or nail, or long bolt, and the like.

Remarks: Figure 22 is also a proper figure for showing the distinction and use of the two clamp designs.

6. Amend paragraph [0203] as follows:

[0203] Another panel joining or clamping means based on the U clamp of FIG. 24A is shown in FIG. 25 .

At line 665
Another panel joining or clamping means based on the U clamp of Figure 24A is shown in Figure 25.

Remarks. This amendment completes the sentence and clarifies the meaning. This amendment is more important in the PTO scanned version because the scanner chose to make line 665 into a separate paragraph which is incomplete without the proposed amendment.

7. Amend specification by adding a new paragraph 204.1 immediately after paragraph 204 as follows::

[204.1] While the drawings and the above paragraph describe an embodiment of the U hook utilizing the material freed up by cutting the notches, it is obvious that the U hooks can be made from separate pieces attached to the panel by welding, bolting, riveting, or any other suitable fastening means. It is also obvious that the hooks may be attached to the sides of the slots instead of the bottoms of the slots with minor adaptation in fabrication technique.

At between lines 669 and 670, after the sentence "These two are slid into the corresponding notches to latch two panels together." Insert the following new paragraph:

While the drawings and the above paragraph describe an embodiment of the U hook utilizing the material freed up by cutting the notches, it is obvious that the U hooks can be made from separate pieces attached to the panel by welding, bolting, riveting, or any other suitable fastening means. It is also obvious that the hooks may be attached to the sides of the slots instead of the bottoms of the slots with minor adaptation in fabrication technique.
Remarks: The inclusion of hook attachment by welding, etc instead of being formed from parent material is readily anticipated by anyone skilled in the art. Therefore, such alternative

embodiments for the hook attachment is implicit in the original specification and drawings. Furthermore, separate hook fabrication would be t he preferred material in moderate quantity production where the notches would be punched instead of sawed. Punching with commonly available punches is not likely to leave an adequate, or often any, tang for bending into a hook.

8. Amend paragraph [0193] as shown following:

[0193] It is also equally obvious that the hook may be closed as shown in FIG. 31. The joining clips of FIGS. 4, 21A, [[and]] 21B and the prior clip 14 illustrated in FIG 20 will cooperate with the attachment pocket "hook" of FIG. 31. It is also obvious that the hat section forming channel 37 is a modification of the open hook 4. It is also obvious that the a tube of rectangular or round cross section attached to the panel face will perform the same function as the hat section illustrated.

Amend the paragraph in specification lines 622 and 623 as shown following:

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Remarks: The inclusion of the assertion that the prior clip 14 is to emphasize the similarity of the channel embodiment 37 to the open embodiment 4.
The inclusion of the use of tubes (closed structures) in place of the hat section (open structure before attachment) is to remind that other shapes having identical function is to be included in the claimed embodiments. A fabricator may indeed find it easier to attach stock tubing than to form hat sections requiring more welding to attach to the panel. It is an obvious substitution for anyone skilled in the art required to fabricate the invented berm system described.